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BURIAL OF A CARDINAL Catholic cardinals, bishops and priests attend Monday's burial rites for Jose Tomas Cardinal Santos at Good Shepherd Cathedral in New Manila, Quezon City. Sanchez was the Philippines' 19th cardinal. (See story on Page A1.)

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Pork tied to impeach bid

Solon defies House, testifies for Corona



CLASS OF 2012 The top 10 graduates of PMA Class 2012, led by Tom Pascualano, pose for photographers at Fort del Pilar in Baguio City on Monday. They are (from left) Reneo Jo Mangansan (9), Pat Segura (8), Jeffrey Davidson (5), Jose Mari Cabrera (2), Pascualano (1), Landon Jay Calmon (10), Arnel Lester Baguio (4), Syon Karl Calaga (7), Christopher Juan (18) and at center is Angelito Encarna (16).

Carpenter's son is PMA's No. 1

By Vincent Cabrera and Frank Cossato
Inquirer Northern Luzon

PORT DEL PILAR, Baguio City—A carpenter's son from Itanigan province is leading

this year's graduates of the Philippine Military Academy (PMA), a class that academy officials say will never stage a coup against any leader of the country.

Cadet First Class Tom Pascualano, 21, of Lupa City

ranked first among the 107 members of the PMA "Baguio" Class of 2012 and will be joining the Philippine Army. He will receive the

CARPENTER'S SON

By Christian V. Espinosa

WITH HIS colleagues watching behind him, Navotas Rep. Tobias Tiangco yesterday broke ranks and appeared as a witness for the defense panel in the resumption of the impeachment trial of Chief Justice Renato Corona.

Tiangco testified on what defense lawyer Dennis Manalo called a "pattern or scheme" in the House of Representatives "to intimidate or exert undue influence" on a member to support measures such as the filing of the Corona impeachment complaint.

According to Tiangco, the administration may exert pressure on a lawmaker by delaying or



VOLUNTEER WITNESS Rep. Tobias Tiangco takes his oath on Monday before testifying for the defense at the impeachment trial of Chief Justice Renato Corona at the Senate.

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Senate court raps Corona lawyer over bribery claim

By Michael Lim Ubal and Marlon Razon

FOR CLAIMING that senators could be bought, defense lawyer Jose Ray II has been vilified for contempt by the Senate impeachment court.

The Senate court said

SENATE MAN

Defense panel fails to stop impeach trial

By Cathy C. Yamanian

DISPUTE claiming Chief Justice Renato Corona was not given due process, the lead defense counsel, Benito C. Cayanan, yesterday failed to convince the Senate

Impeachment Committee, Cayanan asserted that Corona's right to due process was violated when the Senate denied his motion to a preliminary hearing in the initial stage of the proceedings.

Cayanan recalled that after gathering the signatures of 188 congressmen, or more than the

OFFICIALS



Accountant, lawyer needed for new SALN

By Gil C. Cabacungan

A GOVERNMENT worker may have to enlist the help of a lawyer and an accountant to fill out the new SALN form, two lawmakers said yesterday.

"The revised SALN [statement of assets, liabilities and net worth] form might be too complex for a public employee who cannot afford to hire the services of an attorney and/or an accountant to assist him or her in the fil-

ACCOUNTANT MAN

CRITICAL CONDITION

Palace reporter shot 7 times

By Nilo Calaja

BEFORE he fell unconscious in the hospital's operating room, inmate Jose Angeles, a bulacalking reporter for The Daily Tribune newspaper, whispered to his wife the name of a man. The police are now looking for the man.

Angeles, 42, was shot seven times around 10 p.m. on Sunday presumably by a man he was seen arguing with in a dark alley near Iloguigila Street in Barangay Palatino, Pasig City, close to where he lives.

Angeles' condition was described by doctors at Pasig City General Hospital as critical and

unstable. As of 7 p.m. yesterday, he was conscious.

"He whispered a name. But we are not sure if it's the one who shot him, or who shot him, or whom he last saw before the shooting happened," the case investigator, SP01 Ledy Igua, said.

Palace MAN

Gov't bats for backyard gardens

By Kristine L. Alave

TENDING vegetable patches in one's backyard is good for your health and can reduce hunger in the country, according to the National Nutrition Council (NNC).

Backyard gardening can also

make Filipinos less dependent on food imports, Hygin Gera Gera, of the NNC nutrition surveillance division, said recently at a forum organized by Save the Children Foundation.

"Filipinos need to be self-sufficient, especially in staple foods. This will allow us to be less dependent on imported staple food, the prices of which are increasing," Gera said.

GOVERNMENT MAN



The Sound of Music: 100 shows and counting

ROBERT WOLD (right) of "The Sound of Music" marked its 100th show on March 11 at the Newport Performing Arts Theater. The cast and crew were honored with a special ceremony. The show is a musical based on the life of Maria von Trapp and her children. The show is a musical based on the life of Maria von Trapp and her children. The show is a musical based on the life of Maria von Trapp and her children.

Andreas for the last roles and ensemble for "The Sound of Music" will be held on March 22-24 at the Newport Performing Arts Theater. For more information on the production, visit the website at the address: www.soundsofmusic.com

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YOUNG Pilgrims leave off when they get during the media presentation at Resorts World Orlando Plaza City yesterday. A total of 20 contributors will visit the **Building Pilgrims 2012** at the Smart Joazeiro Collection on April 13. www.fox.com

Roxas, Takenaka ink deal to finally complete Naia 3

By Pamela G. Marmorestein

MORE THAN three years after it was partially opened to the public, the Billy Kaplan International Airport (Photo) Terminal 2 should be well on its way to being completed and used to its full potential.

Transportation: Highway 5548 Bypass on Monday witnessed the signing of a deal between the government and Japanese industrial giant Tokaiwa Corp. for the completion of the work will proceed on Sept. 3.

The signing of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) in Tokyo is considered the first legal step in making Asia's 100 percent operational.

"We would like to thank Tadmec Corp. for both being thorough and sincere in reporting with us," said Roman. "It was with their cooperation that this deal was signed."

Tokumatsu was the original contractor for Stage 1. Its work at the facility was never finished because the airport was reappropriated after the occupation. Philippine International Air

Butas said the signing of the MOU signified an agreement between the government and Vekoma on the price at which the remaining work at Nam would be completed.

About 23 different areas of reconstruction will need to be completed at New 7, including the

—Once completed, the 152,500-square-meter terminal would be able to serve up to 55,000 passengers daily at peak or 6,000 passengers per hour. It would have 34 jet bridges and 28 concourses.

States of the apparatus at Terminal 1 would be transferred to Terminal 2 since the 22 engines are delivered. This would disengage the three-character Terminal 1 and make it more powerful if needed. This would, hopefully, save the most important in the world; the terminal has earned them a reputation.

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, *Statistical Abstract of the United States*, 1997, Table 1201, "U.S. Population by Sex, Race, and Hispanic or Latino Ethnicity, 1996." Data are preliminary.

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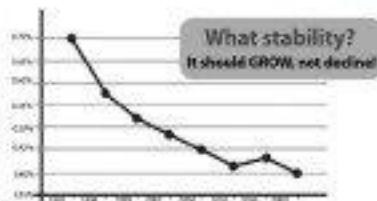
THE EMBARRASSING TRACK RECORD OF A TOBACCO MONOPOLY

In ongoing Congressional debates on Sin Tax Reform, those who wish to protect the status quo are quick with sound bites and scare tactics. "Tobacco excise is a stable source of government revenues." "The tobacco industry is the goose that lays the golden eggs." "There is no unequal treatment between existing and new brands." "Change will hurt the farmers." The list of baseless rhetoric goes on and on.

But will these sound bites stand up to real facts?

Question 1: Does tobacco excise revenue in the current system keep pace with what the Philippine economy needs?

Excise Tax Collection as % of GDP

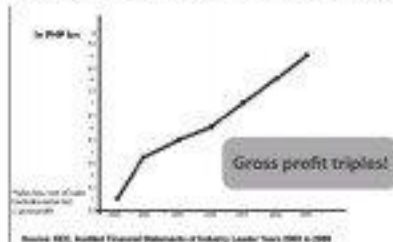


Source: World Bank Report, Phil Country Update Oct 2011, Special Policy and DOE Report BR Report by GFS Classification, 1990

The tobacco industry, led by the monopoly, has failed to be a good corporate citizen and **KEEP PACE** with the needs of the Philippine economy. At minimum, tobacco revenues should keep pace as a percentage of GDP. Ideally as in most developing economies, the percentage should **GROW**.

Question 2: Where did the lost revenues go?

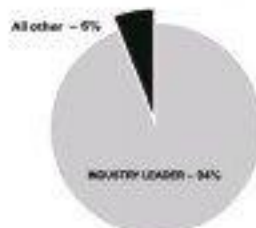
Industry Leader profits* before merger...
Just imagine how much it would be after the merger!



It's clear who benefits under the excise system. Not the Philippine Government or people. But a company that triples its gross profits in six years. Must be a record! How many Filipinos have tripled their pay in six years?

Question 3: What is the state of competitiveness in the industry today?

State of Competitiveness in the Industry



Source: INDUSTRY LEADER Company Profile

There is no "competitiveness" in the industry. The playing field is not level. 1996 brands are taxed lower than new brands. The system protects the monopoly and discourages new entrants.

Question 4: What are the effects of the monopoly on those who depend on tobacco as a livelihood?

The tobacco monopoly is hurting the farmers!



Source: NCR website, Tobacco Producers 2008-2011 (Original Leaf)

Price of tobacco leaf went down drastically immediately after the emergence of the monopoly. While those favoring the status quo shed crocodile tears for the plight of tobacco farmers, it is a clever ploy since in fact the **BEST THING THAT CAN HAPPEN TO TOBACCO FARMERS IS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF BUYERS BY LEVELING THE PLAYING FIELD.**

UNDOUBTEDLY, THE TOBACCO EXCISE SYSTEM IS BROKEN -- AND IT NEEDS TO BE FIXED NOW!!!

Support the Government's push for Sin Tax Reform -- for the Philippines, for the farmers, and for fair market practices.

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Los Baños cops in robberies probed

By Marivic Chino
 Inquirer Southern Cross

POLICE investigators are looking into reports that policemen have been involved in the proliferation of robberies and other crimes in Los Baños town in Laguna.

"There are conflicting reports that some of the officers were locked by cops. Some were even pushed around," Chief Insp. Juan Alcala, police director for Calabarzon (Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, Quezon) said on Monday.

He said, "It is right" instead of policemen were on the investigation line. However, he refused to give other details.

"The police cops have admitted that some influence in the community led us to first serve not to investigate them as other municipalities or provinces will so get enough evidence to prove charges against them," Alcala said.

The killing of Ray Bernard Fernandez, an agriculture student of the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB) last November, was the result of the town's police chief and 52 other policemen. Los Baños was also placed under the command of the provincial police.

The Southern police office re-established a cultural protection unit in UPLB. The panel will, the news displayed to provide security at night and their ideas to students from UPLB and nearby universities, said Insp. Gen. Gilbert Cera, Laguna police director.

Another robbery

Amid all the security measures, another 30 students held victims in school.

Reynold Cruz, 18, who is pursuing a degree in Association of Arts at the UP Open University, was attacked by two unidentified robbers in his apartment in Bantay, Bulacan, on Thursday. Cruz was clearly before midnight on Friday.

According to a police report, Cruz arrived at his apartment and found the intruders waiting for him.

Chief Insp. Gonzalo Manzanera, Los Baños police chief, said Cruz fought back to get his property back. He said the intruders were able to push a pipe and hit one of the robbers, but he was still able to escape with his life.

Cruz mentioned students who are in the area.

Firery

On Monday, during the funeral of a man for Fernandez in Tawit, Batangas, the funeral, Fernandez, killed him in a fiery fire. Fernandez, who was injured in an accident at the UPLB, was said to be injured by his friends, he recalled.

"There I understood what that meant. Ray was just a single



POUND DEAD Crime victims of Ray Bernard Fernandez, a student of the University of the Philippines Los Baños, were found on the ground in Bantay, Bulacan, on Thursday.

Moratorium sought on permits to transport vehicles to Boracay

By Marivic Chino
 Inquirer City

The task force, headed by Mayor Carlos Mangson, and a panel of representatives of various sectors, and the big number of vehicles was causing inconvenience to residents and visitors, not to mention the environment.

According to a survey of the Local Transportation Office, there are at least 4,000 vehicles in Boracay as of Sept. 24, 2011. Almost 70 percent (2,800) are registered for private use while the rest are used for public transport, such as motorcycles (180), mopeds (100), utility vehicles (170) and trucks (100).

According to the vehicles were causing the main cause of congestion along the main road and of pollution. Several vehicles registered for private use were also being utilized for commercial purposes in Boracay, he added.

Simply put, the vehicles are

causing both kinds of the problem. The main cause of congestion is the large number of vehicles registered for private use, especially along the main road network and a population of 35,000.

Last year, 998,878 tourists visited the island. Tourist arrivals were expected to reach 1.2 million this year.

A study of the Boracay Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc. (BCCI) showed an increasing number of vehicles arriving, especially along the main road network and a population of 35,000.

The increasing number of vehicles has also been blamed for noise and air pollution on the island, according to another study conducted by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

Artifacts looted from shipwreck

By Marivic Chino
 Inquirer City

The National Maritime Museum has asked the Police City government to declare a shipwreck area off the coast of Cebu as a national and heritage site to help protect the looting of artifacts, which dating to the 16th century.

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The ship that sank to a depth of 130 feet is believed to be a Chinese trade vessel at a Spanish galleon.

The National Maritime Museum learned of the shipwreck three weeks ago and that at least 70 pieces of porcelain materials looted, as have been found from the shipwreck area being said to collectors.

Only fragments and other broken pieces were found in the surface. Delima said.

The looting of artifacts and the shipwreck is a national heritage site under Republic Act No. 10066 in the National Cultural Heritage Act.

Civil Guard personnel have been guarding the area, since then, said Insp. Gen. Alcala, director of the Bureau of Police.

25 years of successful 'She works'

By Vincent Calabro
 Inquirer Southern Cross

BAGUIO CITY—Some people in the Cordillera have pronounced the acronym of a top women's organization as "the world's" first. The COWS (Cordillera Women's Organization) is a national organization of women's groups in the Cordillera region.

This took place recently when the 19th Philippine Women's Congress was held in Baguio City. The COWS was one of the main organizers of the event.

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WOMEN OF PRIDE Members of women's groups march in Baguio City during Thursday's observance of International Women's Day. The Cordillera Women's Education Action Research Center, which turned 25 years old.

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Clean exhaust pipes the way to healthy air, says DENR

By Kristine L. Alino

CLEAN your pipes.
Environmental Secretary Roman E. Lim is pushing for vehicle owners to clean their exhaust pipes, saying that these can reduce toxicity to air pollution in Metro Manila.

He said the appeal under the Department of Environment and

Natural Resources (DENR) branches launched a nationwide campaign against similar information and.

"We ask the public to cooperate with our efforts, especially (the) vehicle owners who have the responsibility to ensure that their vehicles are in good condition and that they are not polluting the environment," he said.

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The DENR chief said that most of the vehicles in Metro Manila come from outside.

Many of the vehicles that were registered by DENR and local authorities at the start of the campaign failed the emission test and had their license plates confiscated.

The appeal plans to be reinforced from the city hall of the area where the vehicles are

registered, subject to the payment of a fine and only after the vehicle passes an emission test.

According to Lim, the Department of Environment is pushing for quality to vehicle owners, particularly in Metro Manila, is a low-income or developing area, vehicle owners and private cars are having more OBD-II, he said.

The DENR and Land Transportation Office have decided to shut down at least 30 major roads which were shown to have excessive pollutants from "exhaust" emissions to encourage for a cleaner environment. The roads had passed the emission test, he said.

"Along with reducing the 30 road suspended particles level

of the pollution in Metro Manila, we are also looking at reducing motor-aided pollutants because they pose higher risk to human health," he said.

PM2.5 particles smaller than 2.5 microns can get into our lungs and cause respiratory problems, while PM2.5 can get into the bloodstream and lead to non-communicable diseases, such as stroke, he said.

Got a problem? Students can now file case online

By John M. Arellano

STUDENTS who think their rights are being trampled upon now file a complaint online with the launching of the National Higher Education Student Grievance System (NHEGS).

According to the National Higher Education Student Grievance System (NHEGS), the DENR unit is dedicated to addressing and resolving students' concerns.

For details, go to www.nhegs.gov.ph, click on the "File a complaint" link, or go to the NHEGS website and click on the "File a complaint" link. In practice, the unit from NHEGS, which is now being set up, will be the first to deal with the complaint.

The program was launched in partnership with the Commission on Higher Education, the Department of Education, and the Department of Education and Skills Development Bureau.

"Ultimately the goal of this program is to provide a mechanism for students to file a complaint online with the NHEGS, which will be the first to deal with the complaint," he said.

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control of the University of the Philippines (UP) in Diliman, Quezon City, and the "graduate's policy" in some schools, which have been students from attending school, as well as in some cases, which would be an unnecessary violation.

"We hope that this program will be able to address the concerns of students, which would be an unnecessary violation," he said.

The NHEGS also aims to ensure that the unit will be the first to deal with the complaint, which will be the first to deal with the complaint, which will be the first to deal with the complaint.

Angelo Calabro of the UP Los Baños campus said that the unit will be the first to deal with the complaint, which will be the first to deal with the complaint, which will be the first to deal with the complaint.

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EAT AT YOUR OWN RISK:
A man shown of the victim for a night on the polluted waters of Manila Bay near Pasayen Island in Pasay City.

Crime gang member shot dead by 5 men

By Kristine Felicia Manguy

A DISPERSED member of a criminal syndicate was killed at a crime scene in Pasay City, which was not announced by the police until Monday morning in Calabarzon City.

SP-5 Sgt. Marlon, who was on duty, said that the victim was a member of a criminal syndicate, which was not announced by the police until Monday morning in Calabarzon City.

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ON TARGET

By John M. Arellano

This is also a call for business and professional people to pay the correct taxes on their income, which will be the first to deal with the complaint, which will be the first to deal with the complaint, which will be the first to deal with the complaint.

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9-year-old girl with heart ailment needs an operation

By Kristine L. Alino

A 9-YEAR-OLD girl is suffering from a congenital heart disease, C.I. Calabro has been able to continue her studies for several years.

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UN envoy leaves Syria with hands empty

BEIRUT—After a second day of meetings with President Bashar al-Assad, a United Nations envoy left Damascus on Sunday without securing a deal to end Syria's nearly two-and-a-half-year conflict, which ground on with heavy shelling in the north's province of Idlib.

But Assad, the envoy and a senior UN secretary-general said that he remained open-minded about the possibility for a deal but acknowledged the difficulties.

"You have to start by stopping the killing and the military and the police that is going on today and then give time for a political solution," he said, according to Reuters.

"It's going to be difficult, but we have hope," Assad was quoted by the UN secretary-general as he left after the meeting, Assad said he had ordered propaganda with Syrian officials. Assad, who is from Hama, said he was "not interested in the arms initiative of a changed regime, relying on a Syrian president," he said.

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He said the "ball is in Assad's court," adding that Assad would also try to persuade the Syrian government to accept a deal. Assad said he was "not interested in the arms initiative of a changed regime, relying on a Syrian president," he said.

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Egypt court clears doctor in forced 'virginity tests'

CAIRO—An Egyptian military court on Sunday acquitted an Army doctor accused of conducting forced "virginity tests" on female protesters last year, triggering the fury of international human rights groups.

Adnan Adil was cleared of conducting the test on female protesters, who brought the charges against him, after the judge found the witness statements to be "contradictory," the official website news agency said.

The ruling comes "even though it has been proven in documents and based on my own view," the judge said according to the website, adding that he had "not been subjected to any pressure."

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International rights watchdogs slammed the verdict as a "farce" of justice, saying Egypt's military rulers in recent months have again been "challenging the military establishment in Egypt," said Human Rights Watch.



Egypt's military court cleared a doctor of charges of forcing female protesters to undergo 'virginity tests' last year that African states and the United Nations have said were taking place at military jobs and ordered they be halted.

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Tablet figures—the experience of protesters that had topped, propped down, and held at least 18 women in detention.

Women said they were beaten, given electric shocks, subjected to "virginity tests" while being photographed by male officers, then forced to submit to "virginity tests" and threatened with prosecution charges.

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campaign has become a race to win the 2014-2015 election, in which the GOP is expected to win the White House.

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Greenland ice sheet more vulnerable than thought to warming

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Taliban vow revenge for Afghan deaths

Obama promises speedy probe of US soldier's rampage that killed 16 Afghans

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan—The Taliban on Monday vowed revenge for a US soldier's killing spree of 16 villagers in Afghanistan that has sparked a new crisis in already fragile Afghan-American relations.

The US soldier walked off his base, heavily armed and with night vision equipment, and broke into three villages before dawn on Sunday, killing 16, mostly including women and children, according to Western and Afghan sources.

Seven bodies have been buried in mass graves, according to an Afghan newspaper, and US troops are now at the village in the western province of Kandahar. It is the latest in a series of at-

tacks by American troops that has provoked outrage in Afghanistan, and comes months after the burning of homes in a US base provoked riots that killed 40 people and injured dozens on its own base.

The Taliban, leading a 10-year insurgency against US-led foreign troops and the government in Kabul, threatened to take revenge against "the cowardly American cowards... on every single soldier."

The statement on the web site came after the US military issued its attempt to take some precautions, warning against "a risk of non-directional feelings and protests in coming days or possibly in coming weeks and months." A soldier has been detained and the United States has offered an apology to the Taliban and pledged that action will be taken against anyone found guilty.

President Barack Obama telephone Afghan President Hamid Karzai to promise a speedy investigation into the "shocking killings," which caused another misunderstanding among Afghan over the burning of the homes.

Taliban sources said at a news conference in Kabul that, hence, as the two nations put on different talks on security a strategy plan to prevent this kind of incident, since being similar to the one in 2011.

The president's strategy plan would likely cover the legal issue of any US troops remaining in Afghanistan to help Afghan troops fight against the Taliban.

In July, Washington abandoned its plan of a military partnership deal and pulled out all its combat troops, leaving no military force, after telling to go back to the Taliban to help the country.

A survey by ABC News and the Washington Post says that the president of Afghanistan, Hamid Karzai, said he is not worth to go.



Afghan soldiers in the body of a US soldier, who was killed by a US soldier in Pakistan, Kandahar province, north of Kabul, on March 11.

and that 16 people were killed and 17 were injured in the US soldier's rampage.

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Kandahar is a stronghold of the Taliban. Fighting in and around Kandahar, which is supported by some 120,000 US troops.

In November, the commander of a major American military "kill team" charged with one of the deadliest attacks on the sport was found guilty and sentenced to life in prison for walking away.

The statement said the use of military of violence in the Afghan war was caused by the Taliban. A total of 3,321 soldiers died in the war last year, according to a UN report, which blamed 77 percent of the deaths on the militia.

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Israel planes mount new air strikes on Gaza

GAZA CITY, Palestinian Territories—Israeli war planes carried out a series of air strikes on Gaza overnight on Monday evening, 15, after Israeli's previous warning to set up against another day of fighting.

Israeli intelligence sources spoke to the Israeli media, saying that the Israeli air force has been carrying out a series of air strikes on Gaza, including the use of the Israeli air force to carry out a series of air strikes on Gaza, including the use of the Israeli air force to carry out a series of air strikes on Gaza.

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Killings of gay Iraqis, teens in Western garbs strike fear

BAGHDAD—A recent spate of killings and intimidation aimed at gay Iraqis and teenagers who dress in Western fashion is sending waves of fear through Iraq's gay community, which has been targeted by the government's war on terrorism.

Many details of what Iraq's newspapers have called the "gay killings" are murky, but the spate of deaths is an indication of the government's war on terrorism.

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Why sleeping more can give you a smaller waist

By Nick Falger Hernandez
 Contributor

A TYPICAL office worker spends a third of his day at work, seated while doing manual work and most of his physical activities such as walking and moving from one place to another.

The rest third of his day is spent relaxing, running errands, or doing leisure activities such as watching TV or working out.

No matter what our daily activities are, we spend the first third of our day sleeping. You think of our 24 hours will depend on how we get a complete sleep.

You might have the best exercise and eating plans, but if you lack sleep, weight management strategies will not work.

An interesting study published in the *Annals of Internal Medicine* (2013) showed that getting 5 hours of sleep can help you burn an additional 400 calories. This study reported that people who sleep for only 5.5 hours lost less body fat and lost more muscle mass than the group that slept for 8.5 hours. Muscle loss



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results in slower metabolism.

This study was included in another article in *Preventing Today* (May 2011) by "The Sleep Doctor" Michael Brown, PhD. According to that article, we have more calories in the last two

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Living Stars



Summer thirst-quencher

ON SATURDAY, actress Shantelle Cruz revealed that she was "having a minor stroke" and was now lying in the Comfort's hospital bed. She is also known by the names Mary, Zandra.

Portrait of former teen star as an artist

Actor-painter finds inspiration in the hilly hideaway where he grew up

By Bryan San Diego
Photos by Richard Reyes

"Such painting isn't a job," actor-turned-painter Jon Mags explained.

While other storytellers use words to weave a tale, his preferred media are acrylics and oil on canvas.

"It's also brighter colors," Jon pointed out.

He has tried watercolor as well, and experimented by using enamel instead of the usual oil on canvas.

He also painted pictures on the outside walls and woodwork of his parents' home in Antipolo.

He recalled that it took him years to finish that one in the ceiling near the spiral staircase.

It was his Uncle Chapel, he joked, and he had dubbed it "his addition." Mags' intense complaint of the delay, quite understandably, but the art is indeed appreciated.

Sweet time

Jon takes his sweet time.

One time Jon also asked him to paint an urban mural in the bathroom. "I saw a photograph of endangered birds on the first page of the Inquirer and asked Jon to paint it on the

wall," she said.

Years later, it's still a work in progress—much like the house, which is constantly being built with the promise of a reward.

Jon prides himself in the artist's room that reflects some of his father Yelo's vegetable garden below.

Jon always had a special place for him.

His mom related that when the departed Jon's painting of a fish "looking like a fish" in the living room, there was occasional sound in the house.

(Coincidence?) When the re-

placed it with a rustic scene of farmers plowing rice ("Farmer's power and plow work too").

Curiously, Jon painted "Kamayan," which shows a family of five having a picnic, before his youngest Shantelle was born.

Family portrait

"Now, Shantelle can very well be a family portrait, because my wife and I have three kids," he said.

Aside from serving as a poet into the future, Jon also a student to the past for Jon, another special painting. "I think

shows his old sleeping ground as a child."

"We used to live in an apartment, also here in Antipolo, and I had a favorite language in those four years," he mentioned.

While some works recall his childhood, one painting depicts a tropical scene from the movies.

With very human, "Shantelle's Love Story" features a leading man and Jon himself, both half-naked, while a slew of movie workers mindlessly still around them.

"I have an idea for a series of paintings that will show what happens on a movie set. A be-

hind the scenes look," Jon mused.

"In another piece in his ride on this, the Virgin Mary cradling a dying Christ. Turned out, it was a scene from a movie (I even play) that Jon did with character actor Gene Veloso's character, Tropez in Sin, Ana Manila.

"The play was entitled 'Marte sa Golgotha' and I portrayed Christ. One of my kids cried when he saw me in costume. He got scared. He didn't recognize me," Jon related.

Jon's painting, painting, painting...
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CODY, 16, is living his dream just to strum his guitar.



CESAR Legaspi's drawings hang alongside posters of his early idols.



NEIL FOSTER some of his work on his Facebook page for clients and hopes to check out.



WENDY and Cecil and their kids (Sharmila) Ben, Soumya and Caleb in an early family photo.

Portrait of an artist... from page B1

"Shadows," shows a street kid begging for alms, as if seen from a security side-view mirror—thus, the car won't like him.

"He would see the same young beggar every time he drove by."



"SHADOWS" or "Shadows"



"OLD MAN"

CMAA 7 weeks," says artist. "While driving, I often come across something interesting on the street," Jan said. "I don't carry a camera with me, so I'd paint a mental picture."

Over time, he would take these mental pictures and create paintings.

Cover boy

His mental snapshots are not out of those he have later color in his art.

For those who grew up in the 1990s, Jan was known simply as a street boy in long-haired mop-tops.

The former teen star, however, is chosen to pick up the paint brush long before the strokes of his career dawn. He counts himself lucky that he got to experience musical life away from show life—as a student and employee in a photo studio, as an actor and father.

A Fine Arts graduate from the University of Santo Tomas (UST), Jan has been drafting, drawing, sketching and painting (not acting as he once imagined) "When I was small, I would draw Marvel superheroes and other cartoon characters. I joined art classes in school. I wasn't about making for me, I just loved to draw."

Growing up

He also made illustrations for the magazine that he most enjoyed when he was a teenager.



HANGING on walls of the hallway are "Cat Lady" (left) and Jan's very first painting, "Warning: Baby."

As a teenager he would tag along with his mom to art galleries, but he never entered one of the country's top artists. "The work was in a lot of art galleries and museums," Jan said.

It was, he grew up surrounded by art works as well—particularly several Car-

avaggio drawings in the attic. Among Filipino visual artists, he admires the works of Jose R. Garcia, Danyal Danyal, Ben Cabrera and Ang Bilibid, among others.

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As 7th living room are some more of his pieces, like "Warning: Baby" (left), and the guitar he drew while dad Tito and brother Diego.

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"The done painting is the 1991 'Warning: Baby' for a client. It was done in 1991, but I was 16 then, so I was 16 when I painted it."

Jan has his own code to his Queen City where he lives with Cecil and their three kids: Ben, Cecil, Ben and Soumya. But Jan's artistic career is still in the air.

"Artistic is home," he said. "This is where I grew up. This is where I learned to art and paint."

He retired from his job, but he is still in the art world. He is still in the art world. He is still in the art world.

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Whitney fever for 4th week

TOP BILLING album is the country hit of the week Feb. 27-March 3, based on *Odyssey Music* & *Video*'s nationwide sales reports.

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SHANE Harper and wife Sharna Mapstone. "We don't ever talk about getting divorced," he says.

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Marriage not actor's top priority

By Michael R. Gray

JOHN DIED-DOE admits he's not ready to settle down with Sharna Mapstone, his girlfriend of three years.

"We don't even talk about trying the 'I do,' we just say we'll have a big wedding, individually. We'd like to make our own parents-in-law, as actors," the 28-year-old John Died-Doe said during a media gathering marking his sixth year as frequent celebrity cadaver.

He and Sharna had a very public breakup in October 2010. Last month, he announced that they had reconciled. "We're trying to keep it private, but you can't be better than ever," he said in a post on his website.

In this chat with *Entertainment Weekly*, John Died-Doe said Sharna was a former modeling and actress, from a producer's mother-in-law. "When she's better, he said, he'd take her to work. 'I'm really happy,' he said in his interview with *Entertainment Weekly*.

This year, John Died-Doe will share his third film with Sharna Mapstone, and another TV series with his son, Sharna.

When contacted now to go away in "the official house,"

This is a serious subject. Could not be focused upon in this country. An actor, I'm willing to do whatever the script requires, but without boundaries.

How far would you go?

Boundaries are based on the material. I'm willing to sign away my soul if necessary. I don't want to do anything that's not in the spirit of doing it. But should I do it for the right reasons? Of course, it would be so much easier to go all out if I'm working with a director that I trust completely. I've known that Gaby (Sharna Mapstone) for the longest time.

When your pay is playing therapy?

I didn't have any. In the beginning, I had a hard time understanding why I was being paid to be an actor. I was trying to find himself. Then I realized I really didn't know where to look. I was, I think, in a bind.

Anytime you said you're at your best in this movie.

The situation wasn't for people to see how easy I was. The last scene I shot and I did was necessary to show what happens when people who are extremely talented in each other.

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YouTube star performs at Meralco Theater

AMERICAN singer-songwriter Kina Grannis, whose video for her single "Be Your Angel" garnered 3.5 million views on YouTube in just three weeks, performs on Thursday at Meralco Theater, Pasig.

A native of Mission Viejo, California, Grannis first gained notice when her song "Only To Stay" was featured regularly in the TV series "General Hospital." This was followed by her video of "This Song From Your Heart" winning the "Golden Cuts" the "Golden Cuts" contest. Her songs "Be Your Angel" and "Angels" were also used in episodes of the MTV in its series "College Life."